

Remarks

Claims 2-4, 6-10, 18-24, and 34-36 are pending. Claims 31 to 33 were previously canceled. Previously withdrawn claims 25-30 are currently canceled. Claims 20 and 24 are currently amended. Reconsideration of the application, as amended, is requested.

Claim 24 is now presented with markings relative to the immediate prior version. Support for the amendment to claim 24 with respect to the limitation "where R¹ is hydroxyalkyl, dihydroxyalkyl, or polyalkylenepolyamine and R² is hydrogen or R¹ⁿ" can be found in the specification, for example, on page 4, lines 14-17 and page 6, lines 22-25. Further argument that the term "dihydroxyalkyl" is implicitly disclosed in the application as filed was presented in the response dated March 16, 2009.

Supplemental changes are also presented with this response. To facilitate prosecution, previously withdrawn claims 25-30 are currently canceled. Claim 20 is currently amended to depend from claim 24. It was just noticed that claim 20 was amended to be dependent from claim 4 instead of 24 in a response dated September 28, 2007, to a previous notice of non-compliant amendment. It is clear from the response dated July 9, 2007, that Applicants intended claim 20 to be dependent from claim 24. Applicants submit that the current amendment to claim 20 corrects an inadvertent editorial error.

With this response, an earnest effort has been made to respond to all issues raised in the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment. In view of the above, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the application is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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